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gold fields of California. While crossing the Isthmus of Panama, he contracted yellow fever and was buried on the Isthmus. In politics, he was a Democrat, and in religion he was a member of the Methodist Church. He was married to Catharine Castle, daughter of Leonard Castle, of Carroll county, Md. They were the parents of nine children: George, deceased; William, a farmer of Montgomery county, Md.; John, also a farmer in Montgomery county; Joseph, engaged in the mercantile business at Westminster, Md.; Rapold, deceased; Leonard Randolph; James Theodore, of Thurmont (see his sketch); Charles, of Baltimore; and Catharine, deceased.

Leonard Randolph Waesche, son of Henry and Catharine (Castle) Waesche, was reared on a farm, and received his education in the public schools. He also took a course at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In 1868, he embarked in the mercantile business at Thurmont, in which he remained for two years. In the summer of 1871, he entered the contracting and building business in Thurmont, in which he continued until 1882. In that year he became bookkeeper for J. B. Kunkle, at Catocin Furnace, who was engaged in the manufacture of pig iron. This position he retained until 1887, when he became manager of the Catocin Furnace. He continued in this place until 1892, when he was appointed postmaster of Thurmont by President Grover Cleveland. He held this office until 1897, at which time he became manager of the Monocacy Valley Railroad. In 1886, Mr. Waesche, in partnership with Stiner Schley, had built this line from Thurmont to Catocin Furnace. Mr. Waesche is one of the well known business men and highly respected citizens of Thurmont. In politics, he is an adherent of the Democratic party.

Mr. Waesche was married in 1870, to Mary Martha Foreman, daughter of George W. and Phoebe (Wilhide) Foreman, of Thurmont. They are the parents of the following children: Daisy F., at home; George E., resides in New York, is a civil engineer and a graduate of Cornell University, and was for four years a professor in Purdue University, Ind.; Edna, the wife of Luther Zimmerman, of Emmitsburg, Md.; Mary A., a graduate of Purdue University, is a teacher at Tacoma, Wash.; Russell R., also a graduate of Purdue University, is a second lieutenant, in the United States Revenue Service; Phoebe Grace, a teacher at Tacoma, Wash.; and Donald and Clinton, both at home.

GLENN H. WORTHINGTON, Chief Judge

of the Sixth Judicial District of Maryland, is a native of Urbana district, Frederick County, Md., where he was born April 22, 1858. He is a son of John T. and Mary R. (Simmons) Worthington.

The Worthington family is descended from Captain John Worthington, a native of England, who died at Annapolis, Md., in the year 1701. John H. Worthington, the grandfather of Glenn H. Worthington, was in his day a prominent farmer of Frederick County, Md.

John T. Worthington, the father of Glenn H. Worthington, was born March 31, 1826, and died in the village of Urbana, Frederick County, Md., March 28, 1905. He was one of the best known and leading agriculturists of Frederick County, and was highly respected by all who knew him. Politically, he was an adherent of the Democratic party, and he was affiliated in a religious way with the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Worthington was married to Mary R. Simmons, also now deceased. They were the parents of three children that grew to maturity: John Henry, a merchant, of Staunton, Va.; Glenn H.; and Clark, associated with his brother in business in Staunton, Va.

Glenn H. Worthington, son of John T. and Mary R. (Simmons) Worthington, spent his boyhood days on the farm of his father near Frederick Junction. During the winter months he attended the public schools, and later spent several years at the Frederick City College. In August, 1881, Mr. Worthington went to Chicago, Ill., where he was engaged for some time in a wholesale house, subsequently being employed in the office of a large Insurance Company of that city. Having resolved to read law, he returned home, and began teaching school, that he might be self-sustaining while pursuing his legal studies. He taught in the Walkersville public school for a period of two years, and then desiring to have the benefit of a course of lectures at a law school, he sought and obtained a position as a teacher in one of the grammar schools of Baltimore City. Here he remained for two years, and with the income from his teaching defrayed his expenses while attending lectures at the School of Law of the University of Maryland, from which he graduated in May, 1887. The same year, Mr. Worthington returned to Frederick, and in January, 1888, he was appointed School Examiner for Frederick County, a position that he retained for nearly four years, resigning August 31, 1891, in order that he might devote his attention to the active practice of his profession. During his term as School Examiner, Mr. Worthington discharged his duties with ability, and did much for the cause of public education. Under his administration the schools were grad-

ed, the first high schools established in the county, and the whole course of public instruction reduced to a system.

After resigning his position as School Examiner, Mr. Worthington devoted himself assiduously to the practice of his chosen profession, in which he achieved much success and through his generally recognized ability soon built up a large and lucrative clientele. He is well grounded in the law, and until his elevation to the Bench was recognized as one of the ablest and most prominent members of the Frederick County Bar.

Politically, Mr. Worthington has always been a staunch adherent and active supporter of the Democratic party. In 1899, he was nominated by the Democratic party for State's Attorney of Frederick County, and was elected, receiving over six thousand votes, being the only Democrat to hold this office for over forty years. For several years, Mr. Worthington served as a member of the State Board of Education, having been appointed by Governor Warfield. Perhaps his most important service as a member of the board was his investigation of the question of industrial training for colored youth, upon which he recently made an exhaustive report. Mr. Worthington was the author of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Maryland for the restriction of suffrage, which was favored by Governor Warfield, Attorney General Bryan and many others in preference to the Poe amendment, which was adopted by the Legislature but defeated at the polls. On November 16, 1907, Mr. Worthington was appointed by Governor Warfield as Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Maryland, to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of the late Chief Judge James McSherry.

Fraternally, Judge Worthington is a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 58, A. F. and A. M.; Mountain City Lodge No. 29, Knights of Pythias; King David Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 50; Palestine Encampment, No. 20; Chippewa Tribe, No. 19, I. O. R. M., of Frederick, Md. He is affiliated in a religious way with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Judge Worthington was married April 30, 1890, to Julia Alvey, daughter of the late Hon. Richard H. Alvey, of Hagerstown, Md. Richard H. Alvey was Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, and afterwards Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. Judge and Mrs. Worthington are the parents of five living children: 1, Ruth; 2, Richard Alvey; 3, Julia; 4, Dorothy, and 5, John Clark.

CHARLES E. WILHIDE, farmer, residing

two miles northwest of Thurmont, Mechanicstown District, Frederick County, Md., son of Arnold R. and Isabella (Wilhide) Wilhide, was born on a farm four miles west of Thurmont, August 16, 1862.

Mr. Wilhide's great-great-grandfather, Frederick Wilhide, a native of Germany, came to America with his two brothers and settled in Virginia. Mr. Wilhide afterwards removed to the northern part of Frederick County, Md., and is numbered among the first settlers of that county. He married, and among his children was a son named Frederick.

Frederick Wilhide, great-grandfather of Charles E. Wilhide, was born in the northern part of Frederick County where his childhood and youth were spent. He owned a valuable farm situated near Graceham, Md., adjoining the Moravian Church. After cultivating and improving this land for several years, Mr. Wilhide sold his property, and removed to Henry County, Ind., where he purchased a large tract of land on which he spent the remainder of his life. Frederick Wilhide was married to Catherine Peitzel. Their children are: 1, Benjamin; 2, Henry, deceased, a farmer, resided near Duffield, Pa.; 3, James, of Indiana; 4, Wilson, died in early manhood; 5, Mollie, deceased, married to the late John Boller, of Graceham, Md.; 6, Savilla, (Mrs. Gernand), of Graceham.

Mr. Wilhide's grandfather, Benjamin Wilhide, was born on his father's farm near Graceham, April 21, 1802. He grew up on the farm and remained with his father until after his marriage, when he began business for himself. For some years he engaged in hauling merchandise from point to point. He was successful in this business, and invested his gains in a large tract of timber land situated three and a-half miles from Thurmont, Md. Mr. Wilhide cleared a part of this land and made it his home-stead. He was a worker in timber and owned the first saw-mill set up in that section of Maryland. The timber on his land was very valuable, especially the fine lots of poplar, and he hauled a great deal of popular lumber to Frederick, receiving a dollar for every hundred feet. He was an active business man and prospered in his undertakings. At the time of his death he owned 800 acres of excellent farm and timber land. Benjamin Wilhide was married to Mary B. Knouff. Of their nine children, eight reached adult age: 1, Josephine A., deceased; 2, Herbert, of Hagerstown, Md.; 3, Louisa, widow of Samuel Anders, of Thurmont, Md.; 4, Catherine, deceased; 5, Susan, deceased, married to Samuel Eyler; 6, Washington; 7, Arnold R.; 8, Frederick M., a farmer of Mechanicstown District, Frederick County. Mr. Wil-